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**Bexar County to Conduct Fleet Electrification Assessment Aimed at Reducing
Greenhouse Gas Emissions**

On Tuesday, June 15, 2021, the Bexar County Commissioners Court adopted a resolution directing staff to conduct a fleet electrification assessment. In doing so, the Court recognized the potential to reduce transportation-related emissions through the County's fleet in order to protect and improve air quality and to take proactive steps to avoid federal air quality nonattainment status.

Commissioner Justin Rodriguez, co-chair of the South Central Texas Electric Transportation Compact, put forward the resolution and cement a joint initiative with Travis County to move towards electrifying their vehicle fleets as a model for other entities in the region.

"We know transportation pollution is a major contributor of greenhouse gas emissions and air quality degradation that can expose our families and our community to unnecessary health risks and economic loss," said Commissioner Justin Rodriguez. "We feel especially compelled to protect those who are most vulnerable. That means our aging population, who may see increased calls to stay home during Ozone Action Days, or small children and infants, who are at risk of developing respiratory issues at an early age."

In addition to protecting the Bexar County community from harmful health impacts, reducing air pollution can prevent costly financial ramifications of federal air quality nonattainment status. Commissioner Rodriguez cited an Alamo Area Council of Governments study that found the potential financial impact to Bexar County due to nonattainment issues is \$3.2 billion to \$27.5 billion loss of gross regional product. "The cost of inaction is too great and we must continue to advance measures that offer a path for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in both the near and long term," said Commissioner Justin Rodriguez.

The Bexar County resolution calls for a comprehensive fleet assessment to inventory emissions resulting from county-owned vehicles, along with a cost-benefit analysis, and a fleet conversion recommendation with timeline targets.

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